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Letter dated 21 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement made by a spokesperson for the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 20 July and of a statement released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 19 July 2014 with regard to press elements issued by the Security Council in connection with the short-range missile launches by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (see annexes).

It is a typical example of partial and unfair acts of the Security Council to condemn the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's self-defensive exercise of tactical short-range missile launches while turning a blind eye to the provocative ongoing joint military exercises by the United States of America and south Korea deploying a nuclear aircraft carrier against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The hostile policy of the United States against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States-south Korea provocative annual joint war games aiming to occupy Pyongyang, capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, are none other than a root cause of the vicious cycle of aggravating the situation on the Korean peninsula as well as a grave threat to the maintenance of international peace and security.

If the Security Council has a sincere concern about peace and security on the Korean peninsula, it should uphold an impartial stance and undertake the necessary actions to remove a root cause responsible for aggravating the situation.

Therefore, I strongly request that the question of the United States-south Korea joint military exercises be placed on the agenda of the Security Council, and that a meeting of the Council be urgently held in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I also have the honour to request that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedures of the Security Council, a representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea be allowed to participate in the meeting and to make a statement.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I to the letter dated 21 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea blasts Security Council's press elements critical of its launch of short-range missiles

Pyongyang, July 19 (KCNA). The Security Council at its informal consultative meeting held on July 17 staged a farce of releasing a statement to the press terming the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's launch of even short-range missiles a "violation of its resolutions".

The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in a statement on Saturday, July 19, said that all the military measures taken by the Korean People's Army, including tactical rocket firing, are an exercise of the right to self-defence to protect the sovereignty of the country and the security of the nation from the United States' nuclear threats and moves for aggression from A to Z.

This year the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a series of positive peace proposals ranging from the crucial proposal of its National Defence Commission and its special proposal, to the statement of its Government, and has taken practical measures pursuant to them, the statement noted. It continued:

> The United States, however, staged Key Resolve and Foal Eagle joint military exercises in succession, together with the south Korean puppet forces, and kicked off the largest-ever combined aerial drill in the wake of the largest-scale joint landing exercises since 1993.
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> The Security Council persistently overlooked the United States' madcap war maneuvers of aggression and nuclear threat, and took issue with the inevitable option taken by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to cope with them and censured it. This is absolutely intolerable.
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> If the Security Council is to perform its mission of ensuring global peace and security, it should call into question the offensive, threatening and provocative joint military exercises of the United States and the south Korean puppet forces.
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> How the Security Council approaches the said exercises will be a yardstick to assess its impartiality and judge whether or not it can contribute to global peace and security in both name and in reality.
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> Now that the Security Council serves the purpose of the hostile moves by the United States against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, bereft of its impartiality, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is left with no option but to bolster its muscle to protect itself by its own efforts.
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> No matter how fair-minded and just one may be, one is bound to fall victim to big powers if one is weak, and it is possible to protect genuine peace only when one builds their muscle strong enough to deter any force from provoking them. This is the lesson and truth taught by history.

The further the United States escalates its nuclear threat and blackmail, the greater efforts the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will channel into bolstering its nuclear deterrence for self-defence. As long as the United States and the south Korean puppet forces persist in their joint military exercises for aggression, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's counter-actions will be put on an annual and regular basis.

Any conflict which may take place in the course of the Korean People's Army's tactical rocket firing and other intensified retaliatory drills to cope with the ceaseless war maneuvers of the United States in south Korea and its vicinity may spill over to a war.

In case an unpredictable situation is created on the Korean peninsula, the United States and the Security Council which instigated and patronized it will be wholly responsible for the development as it compelled the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to choose such an inevitable option.

Annex II to the letter dated 21 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

United States and south Korean authorities warned of their reckless acts

Pyongyang, July 21 (KCNA). A spokesman for the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on July 20 issued a statement condemning the United States and its followers for kicking up a campaign over the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's legitimate measures to bolster its capability for self-defence. The statement said:

> Strategic force units and other units of the ground, naval and air and anti-air forces of the Korean People's Army have recently conducted a series of drills with various missions under the simulated conditions of an actual war to bolster the capability for self-defence, such as the ones for ultraprecision tactical rocket firing and firing drills of diverse artillery pieces.
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> The service personnel and the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are greatly encouraged by the signal successes made in these drills of Korean People's Army units.
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> The peace- and justice-loving people in the world are expressing admiration at the shining successes of the service personnel and the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
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> It is against this backdrop that only the United States and its ally the Park Geun Hye group and some other undesirable forces are behaving mischievously, revealing their sinister intentions.
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> The United States grumbled as if tactical rockets of the Korean People's Army had gone into action to strike its mainland, claiming "north Korea is posing an unusual and special threat to the United States".
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> It is terming the routine drills of the Korean People's Army a politically motivated low-profile provocation and successive military threats to the allies in the region.
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> The south Korean authorities are echoing the United States claim by asserting that the tactical rocket firing and firing drills of artillery pieces by the Korean People's Army are a retaliation against their refusal of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's special proposal and its government's statement, a dangerous provocation to escalate the military tensions and a deliberate threat to them.
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> They went to the length of letting the Security Council, a mechanism which has lost its impartiality long ago, kick up a big fuss in a bid to mislead public opinion.
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> Some weak-willed countries are blindly joining in this odd charade. Clinging to the malodorous coat-tails of the United States, they are becoming so reckless as to vie with each other to hug poor-looking Park Geun Hye.

In view of the ridiculous ruckus being staged by creating profound confusion between right and wrong, the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea once again serves a strong warning to the United States and the south Korean authorities, their prime movers, reflecting the voices of the service personnel and the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The authorities of the United States and south Korea should properly know what the words "provocation" and "threat" mean before wagging their tongues.

If the tactical rocket firing of the Korean People's Army is a "provocation" to the United States and a threat to regional stability and peace, then what should be said of the countless number of strategic missiles launched by the United States and of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea-targeted war drills frequently staged by it together with the south Korean military gangsters after bringing its forces to another country?

The real provocations and threats made to the Korean peninsula are the whole gamut of political and military moves being pushed forward by the United States, pursuant to its hostile policy toward the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and its belligerent military strategy.

In other words, the reckless intrusions into the waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea side perpetrated by the warmongers of the south Korean military almost every day at the instigation of the United States are typical provocations.

The United States and the south Korean authorities should not resort to brazen-faced brigandish acts reminiscent of a thief brandishing a club.

The United States, an arch criminal making provocations and threats, is kicking up high-intensity war drills for aggression every day in the land, waters and sky of another country. The United States and the south Korean authorities who are hell-bent on confrontation with the compatriots in the north at the former's beck and call are terming the military drills for self-defence conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on its own land and in its waters and sky a "provocation" and a "threat". What are suitable words to describe such impudent and brigandish behavior?

This is nothing but a shameless act of a burglar behaving rudely in the face of the master of the house trying to protect his house by himself.

Such hooliganism may work somewhere else but can never work in this land being safeguarded by the service personnel and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The more desperately the United States and the south Korean authorities resort to gangster-like hostile acts, the more deadly retaliatory actions of Korean style they will face. This will be like a bolt from the blue.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has already done everything it could to mend north-south relations and achieve the reunification, peace and prosperity of the country through its crucial proposal and open letter in January, special proposal in June and government statement in July.

What remains to be done at present is to make a final choice.

The United States and the south Korean authorities should no longer behave recklessly, daring talk about "provocation" and "threat" from someone.

If they persist in doing so, all the self-defensive deterrent forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will keep themselves fully ready to punish all undesirable forces in the world, to strikingly demonstrate its invincible might and strongly counter their moves through its practical retaliatory actions of justice.